

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A portable container for holding office products and documents, the portable container comprising:

a rigid structural portion capable of holding hanging folders in a cascading configuration; and

a cover portion, made from a pliable material, removably attached to the rigid structural portion.
2. (Original) The portable container of claim 1, wherein the cover portion is attached to the rigid structural portion by at least one rod member.
3. (Original) The portable container of claim 2, wherein the outer cover portion is attached to at least one of the rod members with flexible straps.
4. (Original) The portable container of claim 1, further including a shoulder strap that is secured to at least one of the cover portion and the rigid structural portion.
5. (Original) The portable container of claim 4, wherein the shoulder strap passes through at least one aperture in the cover portion.
6. (Original) The portable container of claim 1, wherein the cover portion includes an upper panel that may be opened to provide access to file folders disposed within the container.
7. (Original) The portable container of claim 1, wherein the rigid structural portion includes file folder hanging surfaces having variable heights so that file folders hanging from the rigid structural portion are arranged in a cascading manner.

8. (Original) The portable container of claim 7, wherein the file folder hanging surfaces are arranged in a stair step configuration.
9. (Original) The portable container of claim 1, further including a storage caddy having pockets for holding items such as pens.
10. (Original) The portable container of claim 9 wherein the storage caddy is supported by webs extending inward from the rigid structural portion.
11. (Original) The portable container of claim 10 wherein the storage caddy is supported by a web portion on each side of the storage caddy, and wherein each web portion extends over substantially less than the entire width of the storage caddy.
12. (Original) The portable container of claim 9 wherein the storage caddy includes a stiffener member.
13. (Original) The portable container of claim 12 wherein the stiffener member is constructed from cardboard.
14. (Previously Presented) The portable container of claim 9 wherein the storage caddy has a lower portion that provides a cushion at the bottom of the rigid structural portion.
15. (Original) The portable container of claim 1, further including a removable insert for providing hanging surfaces for hanging file folders of more than one size.
16. (Original) The portable container of claim 15, wherein the removable insert is constructed using metallic wire.
17. (Original) The portable container of claim 15, wherein the removable insert includes a slidable and removable member providing capability to hang letter-sized, legal sized, and both letter and legal sized hanging folders, depending on the position of the removable member.

18. (Currently amended) A container for holding hanging file folders, comprising:

surfaces for supporting hanging file folders; and

lips disposed on at least one end of the surfaces to prevent the file folders from sliding off of the surfaces,

wherein the surfaces for supporting hanging file folders are configured to support the hanging file folders in a cascading stair-step fashion, ~~and wherein~~ the surfaces for supporting hanging file folders are on a wire insert, and at least one step on the surface is disposed between two adjacent steps, each step having a different elevation.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) The container of claim 18, further including a removable, movable adaptor that provides the capability to support one or more different sizes of hanging file folders.